Fencing of Rajouri-Poonch Sector

*330. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRASEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 280 kilometres Line of Control in the woods of Rajouri-Poonch sector has been fenced; and

(b) if not, when the work is likely to be taken up and completed to stop infiltration of Pak ultras into India?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Army has undertaken selective fencing along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) as a measure to check infiltration of terrorists. Out of a total of 523 kilometres (kms.) of fence planned along the LoC in J&K, 223 kms. is in Poonch-Rajouri-Naoshera-Sunderbani sector (South of Pirpanjal Range). In this sector, 95 kms. fence is expected to be completed by the middle of 2004. Thereafter, the remaining work will be progressed.

Anti-Terrorist Cell in Karnataka

*331. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:
DR. VIJAY MALLYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka has anti-terrorist special cell to deal with any unprecedented situation in the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether Government propose to give any direction to set up such cell in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (b) The Government of Karnataka has informed that the post of Inspector General of Police, Anti Terrorist Squad, has been functioning since 1992.

Nirmal Gram Puraskar Scheme

†*332. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched an incentive scheme named

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

as "Nirmal Gram Puraskar" with a view to encourage cleanliness in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of rural areas estimated to be benefited by the above scheme?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The details of the scheme are given in the Statement (*See* below).

The rural areas in the country eligible as per the criteria are likely to be benefited by the above scheme.

Statement

Details of Nirmal Gram Puraskar Scheme

The sanitation coverage in the rural areas of the country has been only 20% at the beginning of the 10th Plan. Government of India have been promoting the sanitation coverage on a campaign mode to ensure better health and quality of life for people in the rural areas. Government of India have approved an incentive scheme for fully sanitized and open defecation free Gram Panchayats, Blocks and Districts.

2.The incentive and the Award is called the **'Nirmal Gram Puraskar'**. The Puraskar scheme have the following ingredients:

(i) Eligibility:

* Gram Panchayats, Blocks and Districts, which achieve 100% sanitation coverage in terms of (a) 100% sanitation coverage of individual house holds, (b) 100% school sanitation coverage (c) free from open defecation and (d) clean environment maintenance.

* Individuals and organizations, who have been the driving force for effecting full sanitation coverage in the respective geographical area.

(ii) Incentive pattern:

The incentive pattern will be based on population criteria and will be as follows:

(Rupees in lakh)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Gram Panchayat		Block		District	
1.	Population Criteria	Upto 5000	5001 and above	Upto 50000	50001 and above	Upto 10 lakh	Above 10 lakh
2.	Cash Incentive	2.0	4.0	10.0	20.0	30.0	50.0
3.	Incentive to Individuals		0.10		0.20		0.30
4.	Incentive to Organisation/s other than PRIs		0.20		0.35		0.50

(iii) Selection Procedure:

The general procedure for identifying 100% sanitized blocks and districts will be based on the following principles:

* State Government will identify and select Gram Panchayats, Blocks and Districts, which are fully covered and conform to the eligibility criteria indicated in para 2 (a) above. After selection they will send the report to the Government of India.

* For districts, blocks and panchayats, the Government of India may engage independent evaluator(s) or Multi-disciplinary Team(s) to assess the status of full sanitation coverage of the Gram Panchayats, Blocks and Districts.

* There will be a National Committee on Nirmal Gram Puraskar constituted by this Department to draw up criteria for annual selection of Gram Panchayats, Blocks, Districts, individuals and organizations for the Puraskar.

(iv) Funding:

Funding for the awards will be made from the Information Education and Communications (IEC) funds with the Department of Drinking Water Supply, Ministry of Rural Development.

(v) How the incentive can be used:

The incentive for Panchayat Raj Institutions can be used for improving and maintaining sanitation facilites in their respective areas. The focus should be on solid and liquid waste disposal and maintenance of the sanitation standard.

3. This will become operational from the Current Financial Year (2003-04).

Funds under APDRP to Assam

*333. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds sanctioned to Government of Assam under Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme for power generation, transmission and distribution during the last three years;

(b) the reasons for gap between the sanctioned amount and released amount; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE): (a) Details of the funds sanctioned to the Government of Assam during the last three years for strengthening and upgradation of sub-transmission and distribution network are as under:

Sl. No.	Year	Name of the Project	Cost of the Projects	Funds Released	Funds Utilized
1.	2000-01	ST&D	20.02	20.02	5.05
	2001-02	-	-	-	-
2.	2002-03	ST&D	365.98	96.97	0.05
		TOTAL:	386.00	116.99	5.10

(b)The State Government has been able to utilize Rs. 5.05 crores out of Rs. 20.02 crores released during the year 2000-01. Out of Rs. 96.97 crores released during the year 2002-03, utilization by the